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REMARKS

Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of the present application in view of the foregoing amendments and in view of the reasons that follow.

Claims 11, 18 and 20-28 are requested to be cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer.

Claim 1 is currently being amended.

This amendment adds, changes and/or deletes claims in this application. A detailed listing of all claims that are, or were, in the application, irrespective of whether the claim(s) remain under examination in the application, is presented, with an appropriate defined status identifier.

After amending the claims as set forth above, claims 1-5, 10 and 14-17 are now pending in this application.

Applicant appreciates the indication of allowable subject matter in claim 11. Applicant has amended independent claim 1 to incorporate the limitation of claim 11. Amended claim 1 now includes all of the limitations of claim 11, including the limitations of its base claim and any intervening claims. Claim 1 is, therefore, in condition for allowance. Claims 2-5, 10 and 14-17 depend, either directly or indirectly, from allowable claim 1 and are, therefore, patentable for at least that reason, as well as for additional patentable features when those claims are considered as a whole.

Applicant believes that the present application is now in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration of the application as amended is respectfully requested.

The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned by telephone if it is felt that a telephone interview would advance the prosecution of the present application.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required regarding this application under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16-1.17, or credit any overpayment, to

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Respectfully submitted,

Date

January 29, 2007

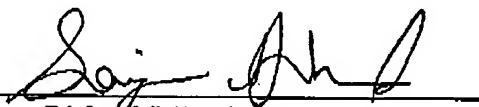
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